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 For: **Nucleic Acid Detection Method by Triple** )  
**Helix Formation** )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as indicated below. A Response to Notification of Defective Response is enclosed. Also enclosed is a substitute Sequence Listing and a substitute sheet for page 7 of the specification.

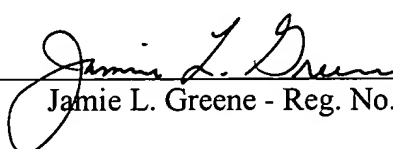
**In the Specification**

Please replace page 7 of the specification with the enclosed substitute sheet.

**In the Sequence Listing**

Please replace pages 1-3 of the Sequence Listing with pages 1-3 of the enclosed substitute Sequence Listing.

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